



Emerging Issues Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2009

Summary

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members in Attendance (11):

David Choate, Co-Chair (Arizona State University, Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network)

Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)

Meena Shahi (First Things First)

Phillip Stevenson (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)

Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics)

Dennis Embry, Chair (PAXIS Institute) —via conference call

Christina Cutshaw (University of Arizona)—via conference call

Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)

Lieutenant Cheryl Gipson-Thurman, proxy for Officer Bobbie Moreland (Phoenix Police Department)—via conference call

Mona Polacca (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona), proxy for Wanda LeClere MacDonald (Navajo Behavioral Health Services, Navajo Nation)

Alida Montiel (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)

Emerging Issues Subcommittee Members Absent (3):

Joan McNamara (Pima County/Tucson Commission on Drug Addiction and Prevention, Compass Health Care)

Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)

Judith Fritsch (Department of Economic Security, Community Partnerships and Innovative Practices)

Office of Governor Janice K. Brewer's Staff (1):

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF)

Public (1):

Zeenat Mahal (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)—via conference call



Call to Order was made by David Choate at 1:06 p.m. after noting that a quorum was present.

Welcome and Introductions

- David Choate asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- David Choate verified that the group members had previewed the meeting minutes from October and December 2008 and January 2009.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig noted one typo to be corrected in the October 2008 meeting minutes.
 - Phillip Stevenson moved to approve the meeting minutes with corrections to be made by Jeanne Blackburn.
 - Meena Shahi seconded the motion.
 - The meeting minutes were approved with no dissenters.
 - Richard Porter moved to approve the December 2008 meeting minutes after no changes were noted.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig seconded the motion.
 - The meeting minutes were approved with no dissenters.
 - Michelle Anderson moved to approve the January 2009 meeting minutes after no changes were noted.
 - Richard Porter seconded the motion.
 - The meeting minutes were approved with no dissenters.

Announcements

- Wendy Wolfersteig announced the upcoming Arizona Evaluator's Network (AZENet) – Phoenix cluster meeting to be held on February 26, 2009. The meeting will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Auditor General, 4th floor Conference Room 2910 North 44th Street, Ste. 410, Phoenix, AZ 85018.
- Wendy Wolfersteig also announced the 7th Annual Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC) Conference to be held Friday, March 20, 2009. The conference will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Arizona Club at Chase Tower, Downtown Phoenix Campus, Phoenix, AZ.
- Jeanne Blackburn announced the upcoming 4th Annual Substance Abuse Conference hosted by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families. The conference will be entitled "Addressing Substance Abuse in Critical Populations: A Call to Action." The conference will be held on April 29 – 30, 2009 at the Pointe Hilton, Squaw Peak Resort located at 7677 North 16th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. A Save-the-Date card will be sent out via e-mail in the coming weeks.
- Meena Shahi announced that regional Request for Grant Applications (RFGAs) for the First Things First Program will be sent out within the next month. These grant opportunities are intended for programs targeting children from birth to five years of age. Awards will be made by July 1, 2009. More information can be found at <http://www.azftf.gov>.



- Dennis Embry announced that his research paper on child maltreatment will be printed January 26, 2009. More information can be found on the Paxis Institute website at <http://www.paxis.org/triplep/Default.aspx>.
- The 2009 National Association of State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Directors (NASADAD) Conference will be held in June 3 – 7, 2009 in Syracuse, New York. Dennis Embry will be providing a plenary presentation.
- Zeenat Mahal announced that the Tribal Data Capacity Project funded through the Governor's Office is producing results as some of the tribes are now entering into memorandums of agreement with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA). She noted that 11 tribes have completed data capacity surveys thus far.
 - Zeenat will share more information at a future meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group.
- Phillip Stevenson indicated to the group that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission has been funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics to complete a tribal crime data improvement project.

Update on Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group

- Phillip Stevenson updated the group members on the efforts of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:
 - He indicated that the 2008 Snapshot has been completed and is currently awaiting release approval from the Governor's Office.
 - He informed the group members that the 2009 Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile is currently being planned and data are being gathered for the project.
 - The Executive Action Briefings for ASAP's four strategic focus areas for 2009, once released, will determine some of the projects that will be undertaken by the Work Group.
 - A Vice-Chair position was created by vote of the group members at the last meeting.
 - Wendy Wolfersteig was elected as Vice-Chair of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group.

Transition Updates, including ASAP & Its Subcommittees

- Jeanne Blackburn informed the group members there are no updates on ASAP or any of its subcommittees at this time.

Update on Spotlight Report: Rx Drug Abuse

- David Choate informed the group that he had incorporated the suggestions about edits, formatting, etc. made by the group members.
 - The group members had concerns over the document's length. They felt that it should be two pages so that when printed, it would be a back-to-back one-page document.
 - The group decided that the printed document will have footers directing readers to a web-version that will include the references list.
 - The group members would like to have the document printed in bulk.
 - Jeanne Blackburn will inquire as to budget availability for document printing.



- With the exception of the changes noted above, Dennis Embry moved to approve the document as the first Spotlight Report of the Emerging Issues Subcommittee.
 - Meena Shahi seconded the motion.
 - There were no dissenters.
- David Choate will present the report to the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group for their consideration and feedback at their meeting on February 18, 2009.
 - Jeanne Blackburn will send the document to the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group members and ask them to be prepared to discuss it at their meeting.

Canary Survey

- David Choate provided a detailed list of questions for the group to consider for the survey of School Resource Officers (SROs).
 - Lt. Cheryl Gipson-Thurman indicated that SROs do not keep track of the number of kids/incidents that are apprehended for drugs/underage drinking.
 - The group discussed which questions to delete for the sake of keeping the survey to a maximum of fifteen minutes for completion.
 - The group agreed that Likert scales would be used to quantify SRO responses, with the exception of one qualitative component to address "Other Issues."
 - The survey will be expanded to include questions designed to determine new drugs used by youth as well as new lingo/terminology to describe drugs.
 - David Choate will make the suggested changes to the survey questions for the group to preview at the next Emerging Issues meeting.

Co-Occurring Disorder Spotlight Report

- Jeanne Blackburn provided the group with data on co-occurring disorders from the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS).
- An ad-hoc committee was created to do the work for the Co-Occurring Disorder Spotlight Report.
 - The group will consist of Alida Montiel, David Choate and Michelle Anderson.
- Richard Porter will examine the hospital discharge and Emergency Department visit data to determine the occurrence of co-occurring patients in these settings to add to the TEDS data for the Spotlight Report.

Call to Public

- No one from the public provided any comment.

Adjourn at 2:20 p.m. by David Choate after Phillip Stevenson moved to adjourn, a motion that was seconded by Richard Porter.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF).